

PATENT**REMARKS**

In the specification, paragraph 1 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Claims 2-11 are pending in the present application. Claim 7 has been amended.

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2-11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 13, 18, 26-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,307,849 in view of Chheda (U.S. Patent No. 6,160,999).

Applicants concurrently file a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting. Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer without prejudice solely to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application for patent.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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